BY THE COVNCIL.

WHEREAS the late Parliament diſſolving themſelves, and reſigning their Powers and Authorities, The Government of the Common-wealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, by a LORD PROTECTOR, and Succeſsive Triennial Parliaments, is now eſtabliſhed; And whereas OLIVER CROMWEL, Captain-General of all the Forces of this Common-wealth, is declared LORD PROTECTOR of the ſaid Nations, and hath accepted thereof: we have therefore thought it neceſſary (as we hereby do) to make publication of the Premiſſes, and ſtrictly to Charge and Command all, and every perſon and perſons, of what quality and condition ſoever, in any of the ſaid three Nations, to take notice hereof, and to conform and ſubmit themſelves to the Government ſo eſtabliſhed. And all Sheriffs, Maiors, Bayliffs, and other Publike Miniſters, and Officers, whom this may concern, are required to cauſe this PROCLAMATION to be forthwith publiſhed in their reſpective Counties, Cities, Corporations, and Market-Towns, To the end none may have cauſe to pretend ignorance in this behalf.

Given at *White-Hall*, this ſixteenth day of *December*, 1653.

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